GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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NATURAL GAS FROM TEHRAN
KAMAL NATH

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the visit of the External Affairs Minister to Iran, Tehran was requested to agree to sell Natural Gas to India through Pakistan;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Indian Government in this regard; and

(c) the further action proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c) During the visit of the Minister of External Affairs to Iran in May, 2000, it was agreed to constitute an Indo-Iran Joint Committee consisting of representatives of the Governments of Iran and India to examine all aspects of the proposal of Government of Iran to supply natural gas to India. The first meeting of the Joint Committee has taken place during August 18-20, 2000 at Tehran.